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Serial No.: 09/637,388

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-44 were cancelled by prior amendment and claims 45-69 are cancelled by the present amendment. Claims 70-81 are currently before the Examiner for consideration.

Claims 70-73 are directed to a method for facilitating electronic notetaking. Claim 70 finds support in original claims 1-3, 8, 13, 33, and 34. Claim 71 finds support in original claim 1. Claim 72 finds support in original claim 14, 36, and 37. Claim 73 finds support in original claim 16 and in the specification at page 12, line 31 through page 13, line 3.

Claims 74-77 are directed to a computer readable storage medium that has stored therein a computer program for an interactive learning system and derive support in the same manner as described above for claims 70-73. The information on storage mediums is provided in the specification at page 8, lines 19-23, 29-34 and page 9, lines 1-3.

Claims 78-81 are directed to an electronically accessible server that hosts an interactive learning system and derive support in the same manner as described above for claims 70-73. The information on servers is provided in the specification at page 8, lines 2-4 and 29-32.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. It is Applicant's position that the amendments made herein are broader than actually required by the prior art and should not be construed as limiting any future doctrine of equivalents to matter that was not anticipated. However, to advance prosecution, and also to ease claim drafting, Applicant contends that these amendments place the application in a condition for allowance.

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35 U.S.C. 101

The Examiner has rejected claims 45-69 under 35 USC 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. By the amendments made herewith, claims 45-69 have been deleted. Newly presented claims 70-81 are directed to statutory subject matter.

35 U.S.C. 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 45-48, 50-55, 57-60 and 62-69 as being anticipated by Gupta et al. (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2003/0196164). By the amendments made herewith, claims 45-48, 50-55, 57-60 and 62-69 have been deleted. Newly present claims 70-81 are not anticipated by Gupta et al. because the notes are still available when the original object is not.

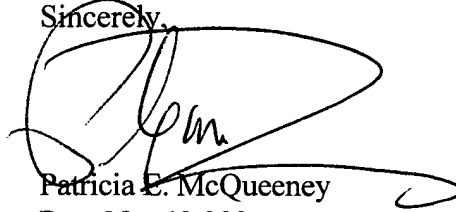
35 U.S.C. 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 49, 56 and 61 as being unpatentable over Gupta et al. in view of Pellegrino et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,149,441). By the amendments made herewith, claims 49, 56 and 61 have been deleted. Newly presented claims 70-81 are not obvious over Gupta in view of Pellegrino because neither Gupta nor Pellegrino teach students being able to take notes during a course and review them after the course.

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Applicants have responded to all of Examiner's rejections. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Examiner is free to contact undersigned if any difficulties remain in the allowance of this invention.

Sincerely,



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